

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 6, and 8-21 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-14, 20 and 21 were indicated as being allowable.

Claims 15-19 were rejected under a combination of three references.

With this amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 15-19, which claims will be 15-19 presented a continuation application. Therefore, only allowed claims 1-4, 6,8-14, 20 and 21 remain in the case.

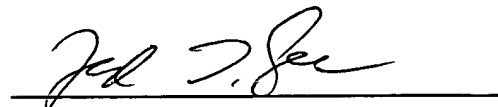
### **CONCLUSION**

Because all rejected claims have been canceled, only the allowed claims remain in the case, and all formalities have been complied with by applicant, this application is in condition for a Notice of Allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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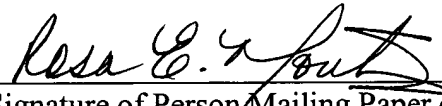
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